FISCAL NOTE

SB 2969 - HB 3150

March 19, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health insurance plans and health maintenance organizations to cover all complications of mastectomy surgery, including lymphedma.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/ Health Industry*

Assumes that not all health insurance plans currently cover such procedures and that total costs to the health insurance industry will increase. The amount of such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

There is no impact to TennCare, because this treatment is currently covered when medically necessary.

The bill would not directly impact the state employee or most local government health insurance plans, since federal law (ERISA) exempts self-insured plans.

*The impact on the health industry is included as required by Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 1989.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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